

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**

301 State House
(317)232-9855

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6216

BILL NUMBER: HB 1080

DATE PREPARED: Nov 6, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Voter registration.

FISCAL ANALYST: Beverly Holloway

PHONE NUMBER: 232-9851

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that if a county voter registration office receives information that a voter has moved to a new address, but the information does not include a forwarding address, the voter registration office must place the voter on the inactive roles at the former address and is not required to send the voter a notice at the undeliverable address concerning this change. A voter's registration is required to be canceled 30 days after the second general election that occurs after the voter appears on the inactive roles and at which the voter has not voted.

This bill requires the Election Division to conduct a residency confirmation and outreach program at least once before each general election. (Current law permits, but does not require, this program to be conducted annually.) This bill appropriates money from the state General Fund to the Election Division for voter registration confirmation and outreach programs. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Census Data Advisory Commission.)

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill requires the Election Division to conduct a residency confirmation and outreach program at least once before each general election. This bill appropriates an unspecified amount of money from the state General Fund to the Election Division for a voter registration confirmation and outreach program. The Election Division estimates the cost of a voter registration confirmation and outreach program to cost approximately \$1 million. There are approximately 3 million voters in Indiana. The cost of sending an item first class is \$.32 per item (3 million X \$.32 = \$960,000). There will be additional costs of printing the confirmation and outreach information. This cost is currently indeterminable.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Currently, a county election board is required to send a notice to a

registered voter to determine if the voter resides at the address last listed with the county election board or if the registered voter has a forwarding address. If the notice is returned to the county election board as undeliverable, the county election board is required to send a second notice before the voter is placed on an inactive list. This bill requires only one notice to be sent to the registered voter. If the notice is returned as undeliverable, the county election board can place the voter in the inactive list. This bill would reduce the postage expenses to a county election board.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected: County election board.

Information Sources: Krisiti Robertson, Co-General Counsel, Election Division, Secretary of State's Office, (317) 232-3928.